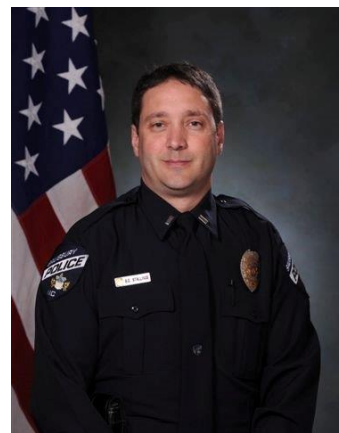


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### **Salisbury names Capt. Brian Stallings as interim police chief**

SALISBURY, N.C. (Dec. 1, 2015) – Salisbury City Manager W. Lane Bailey has named Capt. Brian Stallings as interim police chief effective Jan. 1, 2016, following the retirement of Police Chief Rory Collins.

Stallings, a native of Richfield, N.C., began his law enforcement career in the Salisbury Police Department (SPD) in 1996 as a patrol officer. Over the course of his tenure he has also served as a victim's advocate, an investigator, police sergeant overseeing general investigations and as a lieutenant directing the criminal investigations division.

In 2014, he was promoted to captain where he currently manages the department's traffic unit, patrol division, grant research and issuance of ABC, parade and street closure permits.

"I am honored to name Capt. Stallings as the interim police chief for the City of Salisbury until a permanent replacement is named in late spring or early summer 2016," said City Manager Bailey. "I have had an opportunity to work with Capt. Stallings, and during that time he impressed me with his knowledge of the police department and law enforcement in general. I appreciate his willingness to serve during this transition period."

Stallings double-majored in criminal justice and sociology at Pfeiffer University. He also holds a MBA from the same institution. In addition to his educational accomplishments, he has an Advanced Law Enforcement Certification from the North Carolina Justice Training and Standards Commission, and was previously named the SPD's "Veteran Officer of the Year."

During the interim period, Stallings will earn the equivalent of \$80,000 per year.

Collins, who has an extensive knowledge of the city law enforcement operations, will serve in an advisory capacity as needed through the end of the fiscal year. During this time period or until the North Carolina Retirement System approves his retirement (whichever comes first), he will continue to draw his regular salary.

A comprehensive search for a new, permanent police chief will begin immediately.

*The City of Salisbury, America's first 10-gigabit city, is located in the heart of the Piedmont region of North Carolina, midway between Charlotte and Greensboro. Salisbury is the county seat of Rowan County, and provides a full range of municipal services, including law enforcement, fire protection, zoning and code enforcement and water and sewer systems. For more information regarding the City of Salisbury and its services and departments, please visit us on the web at [www.salisburync.gov](http://www.salisburync.gov). To receive updates regarding local initiatives, meetings, programs and events, please follow us on Twitter at @CitySalisburyNC and Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CitySalisburyNC>.*

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